

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Steven N. Terranova
Continuation of Serial No. 09/152,564, Filed 09/14/1998
Art Unit: 2635

Examiner: Dalencourt, Y.

For: **FUEL DISPENSING AND RETAIL SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING CUSTOMER
SELECTED GUIDELINES AND LIMITATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED
DECEMBER 7, 2000 IN THE PARENT APPLICATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2000 in the parent application serial number 09/152,564, please amend the application as follows prior to calculating fees. If any fees are required in association with this response that are not provided for in the accompanying continuation application, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor. All fees should be calculated after entry of the amendments.

In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following:

--This application is a Continuation of Application Serial Number 09/152,564, filed September 14, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/060,066, filed September 26, 1997.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4-5, 11-12, and 29-33 per election made in paper number 8 of the parent case.

Please amend claims 1 and 34 as follows: